

## September 2015 – Mayor’s Message

Fall brings a change of season which means shorter days and longer nights, cooler weather and children going back to school. It also brings the opportunity for those, of voting age, to cast their ballot on November 3 for city officials and a proposed transportation proposition (Proposition 1).

If you have been watching or reading the news, you have likely heard of HB (House Bill) 362. I'd like to share with you some information about this issue that will be on the ballot for Murray City residents. HB 362 is a bill that was sponsored by Rep. Johnny Anderson and Sen. Al Jackson, a comprehensive approach to addressing part of the funding shortfall for transportation. The bill reforms the state motor-fuel tax and authorizes a local option transportation sales tax to allow for priority investment in roads, transit and active transportation facilities.

On June 16, the Murray City Council passed a resolution encouraging the Salt Lake County Council to allow voters of Salt Lake County to vote on this Local Option General Sales Tax. Then on August 4, the Salt Lake County Council approved a resolution allowing HB 362 to be on the November 2015 ballot.

The main provision of Proposition 1 is the Local Option Transportation Sales Tax where counties would be authorized to enact a 0.25% general sales tax for transportation (which would cost taxpayers one penny per \$4). These funds would be allocated as follows:

- 0.10% to Utah Transit Authority
- 0.10% to Murray City
- 0.05% to Salt Lake County

If passed, Murray City has the potential of receiving over \$1.5 million additional revenue per year to use towards our city's transportation projects. The list below is an example of identified neighborhood projects that have been prioritized for repair through the next two years. The city has a projected Capital Maintenance list for an upcoming five-year period which totals over \$10 million in repairs which can be greatly accelerated with this new revenue stream. Here are just a few:

- Chevy Chase & Wesley Area, rebuild/overlay
- 120 W, reconstruction
- 150 W, reconstruction
- Nena Way, 5757 S, rebuild
- Sam Oliver St, rebuild
- 5600 S, 5300 S, overlay
- Auburn, rebuild
- 6220 S between 440 E and Fashion Blvd, rebuild
- Winchester St, sidewalk, curb & gutter project
- Joma, Westridge, 6410 S, rebuild
- Sealer, East - rejuvenate, West - slurry
- Sidewalk & ADA Ramps
- Vine Street - 900 East to 1300 East Power Relocation
- Traffic Signals - Pedestrian & Safety Improvements
- Radar Speed Signs

Murray City's elections will be conducted through vote-by-mail. If you are a registered voter, your ballot will be mailed on October 5. This will be helpful in that you will not have to decide on the spur of the moment at the voting booth how to vote on important issues. I hope you will take

the time to study Proposition 1 and take the opportunity to vote. If you have questions, please feel free to contact me 801-264-2600.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Ted Eyre". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Ted Eyre, Mayor